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New Hampshire State Advisory Committee to Convene Public Briefing on Changing Demographics

What: New Hampshire State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

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Where: Manchester Public Library

405 Pine Street

Manchester, New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH, -- The New Hampshire State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a public briefing to gather information from government officials and community advocates on the effect of changing demographics on civil rights in the state.

Background: Although the U.S. population is still largely white and non-Hispanic, minority populations are growing 12 times faster than the white population, so that as a country we are growing both older and more diverse. According to the U.S. Census, the current generation entering the workforce is one of the largest and most diverse—with two-fifths black, Hispanic or another racial minority. If projections hold, by 2050, the U.S. will be a "majority minority society"—a country that no longer has a majority of any one racial or ethnic group. These demographic trends have important future implications for the provision of education, health care, and other public services. Communities need to recognize and plan for the challenges related to these changing demographics.

The New Hampshire State Advisory Committee has invited experts to discuss this issue. Presenters include Glinda Allen of the NH Minority Health Coalition; Tom Brennan, Superintendent of Schools; Eva Castillo; Richard Doran; Kenneth Johnson of the Carsey Institute; Police Chief David Mara; Sean McGhee, Director Office of Multicultural Students at UNH, and community advocate Kathy Staub.

The briefing is open to the public. For more information contact Barbara de La Viez, Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533, or Jordan Budd, Chairman, New Hampshire Advisory Committee, 603-228-1541

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